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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 April 2001.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 08302001.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Boyer (6,879,990).

Boyer discloses a method and corresponding system for identifying potential patent licensees comprising identifying a first entity, identifying one or more classes in which the first entity has patent assets, identifying or not a second entity as a licensing target in function of a determination of patent assets the second entity has in the one or more classes (col.2, line 25 to col.3, line 17; col.6, line 65 to col.8, line 45; and fig.7—all); method is performed in a networked computing environment (col.2, line 25 to col.3, line 17; col.6, line 65 to col.8, line 45; and fig.7—all); identifying or not the second entity as a licensing target in function of whether or not, respectively, the second entity has patent assets in the one or more classes (col.2, line 25 to col.3, line 17; col.6, line 65 to col.8, line 45; and fig.7—all); the third identifying step includes identifying or not the second entity as a licensing target in function of whether or not, respectively, the second entity has at least a user determined threshold of patent assets in the one or more classes (col.2, line 25 to col.3, line 17; col.6, line 65 to col.8, line 45; and fig.7—all); first and second entities include respective families of affiliated companies (col.2, line 25 to col.3, line 17; col.6, line 65 to col.8, line 45; and fig.7—all); identifying a first entity and

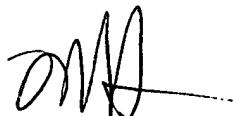
an overlap threshold, and identifying or not a second entity as a licensing target in function of the result of a comparison of an overlap factor with the overlap threshold, wherein the overlap factor is calculated in function of technological overlap between patent assets of the first entity and patent assets of the second entity (col.2, line 25 to col.3, line 17; col.6, line 65 to col.8, line 45; and fig.7—all); the technological overlap is defined in function of the number of patents owned by the second entity having a patent classification common to a patent owned by the first entity (col.2, line 25 to col.3, line 17; col.6, line 65 to col.8, line 45; and fig.7—all); the technological overlap is defined in function of the percentage of patents owned by the second entity having a patent classification common to a patent owned by the first entity (col.2, line 25 to col.3, line 17; col.6, line 65 to col.8, line 45; and fig.7—all); the second entity is identified as a licensing target if the comparison indicates at least a predetermined threshold of technological overlap, and is not identified as a licensing target if the comparison indicates less than the predetermined threshold of technological overlap, wherein identifying or not a second entity as a licensing target in function of a the predetermined threshold is user determinable (col.2, line 25 to col.3, line 17; col.6, line 65 to col.8, line 45; and fig.7—all); and second technological overlap is greater than the first technological overlap (col.2, line 25 to col.3, line 17; col.6, line 65 to col.8, line 45; and fig.7—all).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lalita M. Hamilton whose telephone number is (571) 272-6743. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday (6:30-2:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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